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SUBJ: DAMAGE CLAIMS USIS

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1. AT 1100 TODAY MARCH 13 PAO GRESHAM DELIVERED EMBASSY NOTE TO SHAMS UL- ALAM (DG, EASTERN AND AMERICAN DEPARTMENT) AT FORNOFF; FAROUK SOBHAN, US DESK, ALSO PRESENT. NOTE REQUESTED EARLY CONFIRMATION BDG PROMISE TO PAY FULL RESTITUTION FOR DAMAGES TO USG PROPERTY DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 9 , 1972 THROUGH JANUARY 5, 1973. TOTAL AMOUNT IN US DOLLARS 128,804.72 (BD TAKA 1,016,269.2 4). BDG GIVEN OPTION OF PAYING CASH OR PROVIDING RENT- FREE BUILDING ACCEPTABLE TO USG AS REPRESENTING EQUIVALENT VALUE AND WHICH WILL BE USED FOR SUITABLY RELOCATING USIS DACCA. ITEMIZED DAMAGE LIST WAS ATTACHED.

2. GRESHAM EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT RESPONSE INCLUDING ASSURANCE OF FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF BDG RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY OR PROVIDE BUILDING IN NEAR FUTURE. ALAM GAVE TYPICALLY EFFUSIVE DECLARATION THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS. HE ADDED THAT HIS PRINCIPALS HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON WHETHER CASH OR REAL ESTATE OPTIONS WOULD BE CHOSEN BUT BELIEVED NOTE WOULD PROMPT EARLY DECISION.

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3. SOBHAN SAID IT WOULD PERHAPS BE HELPFUL TO FORNOFF IN PRODDING MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO HAVE DETAILS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 (SECTION 620 I) AS AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR RETRIBUTIVE ACTION AGAINST A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WHICH FAILS, DELAYS, OR REFUSES TO MEET WHAT US CONSIDERS TO BE A JUST FINANCIAL CLAIM. WE HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION ON A VERBAL BASIS, WITHOUT FORMALLY INVOKING THREAT OF SUCH RETRIBUTIVE ACTION.

4. CHARGE D' AFFAIRES WILL PURSUE ISSUE PERSONALLY IF ANY DELAY IN RESPONSE FORTHCOMING.

5. IN REPLY TO INVITATION EXTENDED FROM CHARGE TO VISIT RECENTLY REOCCUPIED USIS CENTER OFFICES WITH HIM, ALAM DECLINED SAYING THAT A SHOW OF FLAG ACCOMPANIED BY FORNOFF " MUSCLE" ENTERING BUILDING IN EARLY AFTERMATH ELECTION VICTORY COULD POSSIBLY PROVOKE OPPOSITION " MISCREANTS" TO REACT, AN EVENT BOTH SIDES WISH TO AVOID. CHARGE' S MOTIVE WAS NOT, OF COURSE, TO SHOW FLAG BUT RATHER TO ENGAGE RESPONSIBLE FONMIN OFFICIAL IN REALISTIC APPRECIATION - BASED ON PERSONAL OBSERVATION - OF WHAT WILL BE NEEDED BY WAY OF ALTERNATIVE PREMISES USIS DACCA.
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